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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

Senator Burton moved the following:

Senate Amendment

Delete lines 6571 - 6745
and insert:
fiscal year, the sum of \$30 million in recurring funds from the
General Revenue Fund is appropriated in the Grants and Aids -
Health Care Education Reimbursement and Loan Repayment Program
category to the Department of Health for the Florida
Reimbursement Assistance for Medical Education Program
established in s. 381.402, Florida Statutes.
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fiscal year, the sum of \$8 million in recurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is appropriated in the Dental Student Loan Repayment Program category to the Department of Health for the Dental Student Loan Repayment Program established in s. 381.4019, Florida Statutes.

Section 78. Effective July 1, 2024, for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the sum of \$23,357,876 in recurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is appropriated in the Grants and Aids - Minority Health Initiatives category to the Department of Health to expand statewide the telehealth minority maternity care program established in s. 383.2163, Florida Statutes. The department shall establish 15 regions in which to implement the program statewide based on the location of hospitals providing obstetrics and maternity care and pertinent data from nearby counties for severe maternal morbidity and maternal mortality. The department shall identify the criteria for selecting providers for regional implementation and, at a minimum, consider the maternal level of care designations for hospitals within the region, the neonatal intensive care unit levels of hospitals within the region, and the experience of community-based organizations to screen for and treat common pregnancy-related complications.

Section 79. Effective July 1, 2024, for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the sum of \$25 million in recurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is appropriated to the Agency for Health Care Administration to implement the Training, Education, and Clinicals in Health (TEACH) Funding Program established in s. 409.91256, Florida Statutes, as created by this act.

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fiscal year, the sum of \$2 million in recurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is appropriated to the University of Florida, Florida State University, Florida Atlantic University, and Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University for the purpose of implementing lab school articulated health care programs required by s. 1002.32, Florida Statutes. Each of these state universities shall receive \$500,000 from this appropriation.

Section 81. Effective July 1, 2024, for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the sum of \$5 million in recurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is appropriated in the Aid to Local Governments Grants and Aids - Nursing Education category to the Department of Education for the purpose of implementing the Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE) Fund established in s. 1009.8962, Florida Statutes.

Section 82. Effective July 1, 2024, for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the sums of \$21,315,000 in recurring funds from the General Revenue Fund and \$28,685,000 in recurring funds from the Medical Care Trust Fund are appropriated in the Graduate Medical Education category to the Agency for Health Care Administration for the Slots for Doctors Program established in s. 409.909, Florida Statutes.

Section 83. Effective July 1, 2024, for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the sums of \$42,630,000 in recurring funds from the Grants and Donations Trust Fund and \$57,370,000 in recurring funds from the Medical Care Trust Fund are appropriated in the Graduate Medical Education category to the Agency for Health Care Administration to provide to statutory teaching hospitals as defined in s. 408.07(46), Florida Statutes, which provide



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highly specialized tertiary care, including comprehensive stroke and Level 2 adult cardiovascular services; NICU II and III; and adult open heart; and which have more than 30 full-time equivalent (FTE) residents over the Medicare cap in accordance with the CMS-2552 provider 2021 fiscal year-end federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Healthcare Cost Report, HCRIS data extract on December 1, 2022, worksheet E-4, line 6 minus worksheet E-4, line 5, shall be designated as a High Tertiary Statutory Teaching Hospital and be eligible for funding calculated on a per Graduate Medical Education resident-FTE proportional allocation that shall be in addition to any other Graduate Medical Education funding. Of these funds, \$44,562,400 shall be first distributed to hospitals with greater than 500 unweighted fiscal year 2022-2023 FTEs. The remaining funds shall be distributed proportionally based on the total unweighted fiscal year 2022-2023 FTEs. Payments to providers under this section are contingent upon the nonfederal share being provided through intergovernmental transfers in the Grants and Donations Trust Fund. In the event the funds are not available in the Grants and Donations Trust Fund, the State of Florida is not obligated to make payments under this section.

Section 84. Effective July 1, 2024, for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the sums of \$57,402,343 in recurring funds from the General Revenue Fund and \$77,250,115 in recurring funds from the Medical Care Trust Fund are appropriated to the Agency for Health Care Administration to establish a Pediatric Normal Newborn, Pediatric Obstetrics, and Adult Obstetrics Diagnosis Related Grouping (DRG) reimbursement methodology. The fiscal year 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act shall establish the



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DRG reimbursement methodology for hospital inpatient services as directed in s. 409.905(5)(c), Florida Statutes.

Section 85. Effective October 1, 2024, for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the sums of \$14,888,903 in recurring funds from the General Revenue Fund and \$20,036,979 in recurring funds from the Medical Care Trust Fund are appropriated to the Agency for Health Care Administration to provide a Medicaid reimbursement rate increase for dental care services. The funding shall be held in reserve. The agency shall develop a plan to increase Medicaid reimbursement rates for preventive dental care services by September 1, 2024. The agency may submit a budget amendment pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, requesting release of the funding. The budget amendment must include the final plan to increase Medicaid reimbursement rates for preventive dental care services. Health plans that participate in the Statewide Medicaid Managed Care program shall pass through the fee increase to providers in this appropriation.

Section 86. Effective July 1, 2024, for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the sums of \$83,456,275 in recurring funds from the General Revenue Fund and \$112,312,609 in recurring funds from the Operations and Maintenance Trust Fund are appropriated in the Home and Community-Based Services Waiver category to the Agency for Persons with Disabilities to provide a uniform iBudget Waiver provider rate increase.

Section 87. Effective July 1, 2024, for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the sum of \$11,525,152 in recurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is appropriated in the Grants and Aids - Community Mental Health Services category to the Department of Children and Families to enhance crisis diversion through mobile



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response teams established under s. 394.495, Florida Statutes,
by expanding existing or establishing new mobile response teams
to increase access, reduce response times, and ensure coverage
in every county.

Section 88. Effective July 1, 2024, for the 2024-2025
fiscal year, the sum of \$10 million in recurring funds from the
General Revenue Fund is appropriated to the Department of Health
to implement the Health Care Screening and Services Grant
Program established in s. 381.9855, Florida Statutes, as created
by this act.

Section 89. Effective July 1, 2024, for the 2024-2025
fiscal year, the sums of \$150,000 in nonrecurring funds from the
General Revenue Fund and \$150,000 in nonrecurring funds from the
Medical Care Trust Fund are appropriated to the Agency for
Health Care Administration to contract with a vendor to develop
a reimbursement methodology for covered services at advanced
birth centers. The agency shall submit the reimbursement
methodology and estimated fiscal impact to the Executive Office
of the Governor's Office of Policy and Budget, the chair of the
Senate Appropriations Committee, and the chair of the House
Appropriations Committee no later than December 31, 2024.

Section 90. Effective October 1, 2024, for the 2024-2025
fiscal year, the sums of \$12,365,771 in recurring funds from the
General Revenue Fund, \$127,300 in recurring funds from the
Refugee Assistance Trust Fund, and \$16,514,132 in recurring
funds from the Medical Care Trust Fund are appropriated to the
Agency for Health Care Administration to provide a Medicaid
reimbursement rate increase for private duty nursing services
provided by licensed practical nurses and registered nurses.



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Health plans that participate in the Statewide Medicaid Managed Care program shall pass through the fee increase to providers in this appropriation.

Section 91. Effective October 1, 2024, for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the sums of \$14,580,660 in recurring funds from the General Revenue Fund and \$19,622,154 in recurring funds from the Medical Care Trust Fund are appropriated to the Agency for Health Care Administration to provide a Medicaid reimbursement rate increase for occupational therapy, physical therapy, and speech therapy providers. Health plans that participate in the Statewide Medicaid Managed Care program shall pass through the fee increase to providers in this appropriation.

Section 92. Effective October 1, 2024, for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the sums of \$5,522,795 in recurring funds from the General Revenue Fund and \$7,432,390 in recurring funds from the